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SUBJECT: MBFR: TURKISH COMMENT ON DISPOSITION OF WITHDRAWN SOVIET FORCES

REF: USNATO 3588

1. TURKISH CHANGE (TULUMEN) CALLED ON US MISSION AUGUST 13 TO STATE THAT IN DEVELOPING AN ALLIANCE MBFR NEGOTIATING POSITION, HE WOULD SUPPORT THE BRITISH VIEW CONTAINED IN THE UK PAPER OF JULY 30 (USNATO 3588, PARA 10) THAT TO OVERCOME THE SOVIETS' REINFORCEMENT ADVANTAGE, WITHDRAWN SOVIET FORCES SHOULD BE DISBANDED WITHOUT REPLACEMENT FROM THE SOVIET STRATEGIC RESERVE.

2. WE REVIEWED WITH TULUMEN REASONS FOR NOT REQUIRING DISBANDMENT OF SOVIET TANK ARMY, POINTING OUT THAT WE WERE COMPENSATING FOR ASYMMETRIC CONDITIONS BY SUGGESTING THAT WITHDRAWN US FORCES BE GIVEN FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO TYPES OF FORCES TO BE
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WITHDRAWN AND DISPOSITION OF THEIR EQUIPMENT. WE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROPOSING TO SOVIETS THAT THEY DISBAND WITHDRAWN FORCES WOULD INEVITABLY GENERATE SOVIET REQUEST THAT US FORCES BE DISBANDED.

3. TULUMEN INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT US MIGHT MAKE ITS CASE
ON THIS ISSUE KNOWN DIRECTLY TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN ANKARA.
IF WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY ANKARA CONSIDER THIS COURSE OF ACTION
WOULD BE USEFUL, WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE EMBASSY
ANKARA WITH TALKING POINTS ON THIS ISSUE FOR USE WITH GOT.-- AND
MOST PARTICULARLY WITH TURKISH GENERAL STAFF.
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